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SUBJECT: DEATH OF STEVEN JAMES ROBERTS

TO: MRS. RITA RICHISON
2220 DUNKELEBERG ROAD
LOT 723, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA 46819
PHONE: (219) 747 1500

1. IS IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE
DEATH OF YOUR SON, STEVEN JAMES ROBERTS IN PIRMASENS, GERMANY
ON APRIL 30, 1978. THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL WAS INFORMED OF
STEVEN'S DEATH BY US ARMY COLONEL MICHAEL E. HILL, DEPUTY
ORNDANCE BRIGADE COMMANDER IN PIRMASENS AFTER IT WAS DETERMINED
THE THE UNITED STATES ARMY DID NOT HAVE JURISDICTION IN THE
MATTER

2. THE CAUSE OF DEATH HAS NOT YET BEEN REPORTED TO THE CONSULATE.

3. YOUR SON HAS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY COLONEL AND MRS. HILL AND
HIS OTHER CLOSE FRIENDS IN THE PIRMASENS AREA.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED
TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL
BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN
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FIVE DAYS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOUR WISH TO HAVE REMAINS RETURNED
TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARTATION AND AIR SHIPMENT
OF REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD COST \$4,500. CREMATION
AND SHIPMENT CREMATED REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD COST
\$ 1,200. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$1,700. THE
COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$1,200. ALL THESE COSTS

ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, FRANKFURT/MAIN, WEST GERMANY AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED 5 STEINWEG, 600 FRANKFURT/MAIN, WEST GERMANY PAYABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE UNITED STATES, YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED
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FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES UNIT OF THIS POST BY PHONING (0611) 74 00 71 EXT 229.

8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
6000 FRANKFURT/MAIN
WEST GERMANY LEHMANN

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